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SUBJ: NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT GET UNDERWAY

1. NEGOTIATIONS TO FORM NEXT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAVE BEGUN THIS WEEK. LABOR ALIGNMENT AND NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY HAVE ESTABLISHED NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES HEADED RESPECTIVELY BY SAPIR AND INTERIOR MINISTER BURG.

2. LABOR ALIGNMENT EXECUTIVE JAN 10 REJECTED PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT INCLUDING LIKUD AND EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO RE-FORM COALITION WITH PRESENT PARTNERS.

3. NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY CONTINUES TO DEMAND FORMATION OF NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT BUT HAS POINTEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT AN ULTIMATUM. WE ANTICIPATE THAT NRP WILL DROP THIS DEMAND IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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4. INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY (ILP) AND CITIZENS RIGHTS LIST

(CR) AGREED JAN 10 TO FORM PARLIMENTARY BLOC TO NEGOTIATE COALITION AGREEMENT WITH LABOR ALIGNMENT. ILP/CR BLOC WILL INSIST ON ITS PREROGATIVE TO PRESENT BILLS FOR A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION, CIVIL MARRIAGE AND LEGISLATIVE LIMITATIONS ON ROLE OF RELIGION IN STATE. IT ALSO WILL DEMAND THAT LABOR ALIGNMENT ALLOW ITS KNESSET MEMBERS TO VOTE FREELY ON THESE ISSUES RATHER THAN CONTINUE CURRENT PRACTICE OF DISCIPLINED BLOC VOTING.

5. 3 ARAB KNESSET MEMBERS AFFILIATED WITH LABOR ALIGNMENT HAVE FORMALLY JOINED LABOR PARTY JAN 10, THUS INCREASING LABOR ALIGNMENT KNESSET REPRESENTING TO 54 SEATS.

6. FOCUS OF LABOR ALIGNMENT NEGOTIATING EFFORT IN NEXT WEEKS WILL BE TO FIND AREAS OF COMPROMISE BETWEENPRESENTLY CONFLICTING POSITIONS OF NRP ON ONE HAND AND SECULARIST ILP/CR BLOC ON OTHER. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PROSPECTS ARE REASONABLY GOOD THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL SUCCEED. BASED ON MY CONVERSATION WITH GEN SHARON LAST NIGHT, IT IS CLEAR AT LEAST SOME SENIOR LEADERS OF LIKUD BELIEVE LABOR ALIGNMENT WILL SUCCEED IN FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT ALONG LINES OUTGOING MODEL.

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